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1. PCT International Search Report for BIANCHI, et al., Int'l Application No. PCT/IT2003/000265, Filed April 29, 2003, Dated November 13, 2003. **[Exhibit 1]**
2. International Publication Number WO 00/47104 A2 for PICOWER INST MED RES, Published August 17, 2000. "Antagonists of HMGB1 for treating Inflammatory Conditions". **[Exhibit 2]**

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